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APPLICANT: Pierre Bernard et al)
SERIAL NO: 10/030,398) Group Art Unit: 3738
FILED: January 8, 2002) Examiner: Thomas C. Barrett
TITLE: Anatomic Intersomatic Implant, and Forceps For Manipulating
Such An Implant

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on December 3, 2003. Also submitted with this response is a Request for three-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to March 3, 2004.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, between Group I, Claims 1-7, and Group II, Claims 8-13. Applicant elects the Group I claims, Claims 1-7.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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